

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media manipulation following consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This however is an example of media manipulation for a political end. It flies in the face of the founding principles by which they are granted use of the public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

We urge you to consider this blatant misuse of a public trust when considering renewal of their licenses and other [misused] privileges. Thank you.